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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 1. Sighting of a Captured U.S. Officer in Quynh Luu District, Nghe An Province, North Vietnam, and
2. Hearsay Information on the Death of Another Officer

At about 1100 hours one day in late December 1967, [redacted] saw four U.S. fighter planes bombing Quynh Luu District Town, Nghe An Province, North Vietnam. Two of the planes were shot down and local militiamen later told [redacted] that one pilot was dead and the other had bailed out. The militiamen also said that the U.S. prisoner of war (POW) whom [redacted] saw at 1200 hours on the same day, was the pilot who had bailed out. [redacted] saw the POW, escorted by five armed guards, in a jeep heading north on National Route 1 in Quynh Luu District. The POW was Caucasian, approximately 25 years old; he weighed about 80 kilograms, was about 1.75 meters tall and had a moustache. He did not have any visible wounds and was wearing a yellow flight suit. /1/ and /2/

/1A [redacted] was shown the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) album of missing and captured personnel in Southeast Asia, but was unable to identify the man he saw. [redacted] account was shown to JPRC which con...

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as follows: "This report correlates quite well with other information concerning the incident in which LCDR Leonard M. Lee, USN (#1361) and LTJG Roger B. Innes, USN (#1335) were lost. The men are still carried as MIA by their parent service. All contact was lost when LCDR Lee's aircraft went in for a strike on his target. There were other aircraft in the area but none reported seeing the aircraft go down. No chutes were seen; no beepers were heard. [redacted] description of the time and area is almost identical to the actual incident. There were no other aircraft lost at these coordinates during 1967. It is very possible the POW [redacted] observed was LTJG Innes since LCDR Lee is Negroid."